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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

**BLUNDERS ABOUT SHIPS**  
The sale of five vessels to the Dollar Steamship Company by the United States Shipping Board has added another set to the series of blunders of Government ownership, control and management of merchant ships. The opposition to Government ownership has become so almost unanimous in this country that the Shipping Board was unable to rise above the fog of disapproval to behold the fact that they had achieved the exception to the rule that "government ownership does not pay," and that these particular ships were actually being operated at a profit.

When the United States was preparing for war every ship yard, and a lot of lumberyards, were pressed into service to build ships. There were steel ships, wooden ships, and even cement ships. Most of the last two classes were obsolete before they were finished. Many of them represented pure incompetency and waste. Rather than sell many foolish ships—for that is about all they ever were—the Government has permitted them to rot and rust away.

The proposal for a ship subsidy law, that would enable the Government to maintain the big gains it had obtained with a merchant marine, failed in Congress. The Shipping Board has been a football for the Administration ever since it was created. When the Board was surprised itself with results beyond all expectation in the operation of merchant ships, its powers were split by turning over the operating end of the ships to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The Board, itself, was packed with politicians and between these politicians and the Emergency Fleet administrators, the remnants of practical men on the Shipping Board and in the Government service with vision and understanding to work out the middle of our merchant marine were powerless.

Chairman O'Connor is explaining the Dollar ship sale. But the more he says the plainer it is that the Jones Act has been defeated in its intent by a majority of the very Shipping Board charged with the duty of administering it.

## MERCHANT MARINE ACT

Such "national policy" as exists has been set forth in the Merchant Marine act, which the Shipping Board administers. This act contemplates the sale of government-owned vessels, but it lays down certain policies as follows:  
"It is necessary for the national defense and for the proper growth of the foreign and domestic commerce that the United States shall have a merchant marine of the best equipped and most suitable types of vessels sufficient to carry the greater portion of its commerce and serve as a naval or military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency, ultimately to be owned and operated privately by citizens of the United States. . . . The United States Shipping Board shall, in disposition of vessels and shipping property as hereinafter provided, in the making of rules and regulations, and in the administration of the shipping laws always keep in view this purpose and object as its primary end to be obtained."

In spite of the above the Shipping Board by a vote of 3 to 2, sold 5 of the best government-owned vessels that cost about \$7,000,000 each, and are estimated to be worth from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 each, for the sum of \$1,125,000 each. Although the price may be a subject for expert knowledge and determination, a bigger question than the money-value of the ships is involved. The sale of the five ships carry with them a guaranty for only five years' operation, without any provision for replacement. Chairman O'Connor seems to want people to believe that if the purchasers "keep them going for five years there is no reasonable question that they will keep them going indefinitely." It is a wholly unwarranted assumption. These ships, in his hours of meditation, will recall the lines: "Ships that pass in the night and speak each other in passing."

## THE SOVIET

News from the White House reaffirms that "the President is firm against the Russian Soviet." And in the same column that carry this dispatch is the comment that Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is the leading advocate in the country of the recognition proposal. Just how the President and the Senate are going to "get together" as a Republican program under such circumstances is one of the Springtime mysteries at the National Capital.

## COMPARING BUSINESS

Officials of the National Administration have been producing facts and figures to prove that fluctuating prices in stocks and bonds, and the rate-ups of rails and beans, have very little to do

## BETHEL MAN LOSES HAND ON SAWING MACHINE

Monday morning while sawing wood with a gasoline engine outfit Alfred J. Peaslee had the misfortune to lose his left hand. He was placing a stick of wood under the saw to stand on when the saw caught his coat sleeve drawing it so that it was necessary to amputate it. He is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

## DIRECTED ENTHUSIASM

A splendid group of boys—"Beavers" and "Eagles"—well on the road to Scout work, met on Monday evening for business only. It was voted that every one make bird houses this week and take some of them to the Grammar School next Monday evening. Two weeks time was the limit set for the building of houses. The troop committee are asked to judge these houses in two weeks time. It was understood that all who wish to be included in the June trip to the sea, at the mouth of the New Meadows River, need to complete the second class tests as a minimum requirement. The Scoutmaster insists that thorough preparation be made by every boy for this journey. May the worthy enthusiasm shown be used in preparing mind and body for real, clean, wholesome outdoor life. First class Scouts will be given special responsibility and honor.

## WEST BETHEL

Mrs. C. W. Bell is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Morrill. Friends of Mrs. Bell will be glad to know that she is more comfortable.

Mrs. Nellie Seabury is caring for Mrs. Ira Bennett. Mrs. Bennett is gaining slowly.

Mrs. Ruth Laxton, who has been assisting in the home her sister, Mrs. Frank Hunt, at Bethel, has returned home.

Mrs. Charles Melanson was in Lewiston Friday.

Mrs. E. B. Whitman was the guest of her parents on Grover Hill, Sunday. Master Robert Whitman will spend his vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitman.

Mrs. Thaddeus Laxton spent Thursday in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hutchinson, who have been spending the winter in Bethel, have returned to their home here.

Miss Libbie Goodridge of Portland was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Estella Goodridge, recently.

Mrs. Harry Kessell and daughter Marjorie were in Gilsum Wednesday.

J. L. Perry and family who have been in Bethel this winter returned home Saturday.

Miss Vera Libby of Gorham was the guest of friends in town over the week end.

Miss Austin and friend of Bethel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Lowell, Sunday.

Miss Janet Fraser of Gilsum was a guest in the home of E. H. Jordan recently.

Miss Ruth Laxton was a recent guest of Mrs. Carroll Abbott.

Mrs. George Hyde passed away at the home of her brother, Wilfred Robbins, Friday morning after a long illness. The remains were taken to Boston for burial Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett, Sunday.

## SOUTH ALBANY

School opened in the District, April 6, Alta Bird teacher.

Lester Walker is carrying the scholars from the Clark District.

Miss Mae Penfold from South Paris has been visiting her cousin, Jane Brown.

A little daughter arrived April 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Hansen.

Mrs. Lilla Stearns has returned home from Norway, where she has been working all winter.

High Stearns spent the Easter vacation at his home in this place.

Frank Murdock from Norway was at J. H. Stone's mill Saturday doing some work on the rigging.

Veronica Flint called at James Kimble's, Sunday.

R. J. Woodwell was out taking taxes over the first of the week.

At the special town meeting held April 1, L. J. Andrews was elected third selectman.

The average American is a baiter. He has to overcome difficulties that are to his inherent characteristic. It is a task that has been great indeed. The average American has been overcome, playing out country farmers among towns and giving to us a nation, being conditions absolutely unknown in other countries.

## BETHEL AND VICINITY

Miss Myrtle Wilson visited Miss Dorothy Clark in Lewiston a few days last week.

Mr. L. A. Hall has returned from the C. M. G. Hospital and is at the home of Mrs. F. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wheeler and daughter, Elmyra, were Sunday guests at S. L. Grover's.

Miss Melba Blake is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Leroy Andrews, and family.

Miss Electa Chapin and brother, Milton, were callers at the Haggood farm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes of Fairfield are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Forbes.

Mr. Owen Demeritt and daughter, Louise, spent a few days in camp at Ketchum, recently.

Mr. Forrest Stowell is staying at the home of Rev. C. B. Oliver and working for Lyman Wheeler.

Mr. Clarence Philbrook, a student in Norwich University, spent his vacation at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wing of Bryant's Pond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morgan, recently.

Miss Pearl Sampson returned home Monday from Littleton, N. H., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Robert Clough has returned home from Boston, where she has been employed for the past four months.

Master Laurence Bartlett has been visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stone, in Auburn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bryant have moved into the Percy Andrews house on Vernon Street, which they purchased recently.

Mr. Robert French returned to his home in Turner, Monday, after spending a week with his grandmother, Mrs. Anna French.

Miss Katherine Kendrick, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Kendrick, at Mrs. Hiram Bean's, has returned to her school in Vermont.

Mr. Hugh Stearns, G. A. '24, who is now attending the University of Maine, was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, recently.

Mr. Theodore Arsenault, who has been running Harry Brown's barber shop for the past few months, went to Sanford, Thursday, where he has employment.

Mrs. Annie Willey accompanied her sister, Mrs. Bryant, of Buckfield to the St. Barnabas Hospital at Portland last week where Mr. Bryant underwent an operation.

Mr. F. B. Hall has moved his family into the upstairs part in the Gwynn house on Church Street. Mr. Hall recently sold his home on Main Street to Mrs. Wm. Griffin and son, Jesse B. Chapman.

Mrs. Gehring has been confined to her room for ten days, and although now able to take short walks, has been obliged to delay resuming "The Music Lovers' Club," and "The Open Forum" till further notice.

Mr. Harry H. King went to West Stewartstown, N. H., last week, where he will manage the West Stewartstown House. This is not Mr. King's first venture of this kind as he was for several years manager of the old Prospect Hotel in Bethel. His many friends wish him success in this new venture.

The Maine Farmer of March 29 devoted more than a page of its issue to tributes paid Dr. George M. Twitcheall of Monmouth for 40 years of faithful service to the betterment of Maine agriculture. Letters of commendation for the "Grand Old Man" were printed from Dean Louis B. Merrill of Maine College of Agriculture, Frank P. Washburn, Commissioner Maine Department of Agriculture; John E. Abbott, Master of State Grange; and scores of others who were head in their praise of this man who has devoted the greater part of his life to the agricultural and rural life of Maine. Dr. Twitcheall is a former Bethel man, and is well and favorably known by a large number of people throughout eastern United States and the Canadian provinces.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Lewiston, Monday.

Mr. F. L. Edwards was in South Paris one day last week.

Mrs. Emma Jordan is ill at the home of Mrs. S. H. Jodrey.

Mr. S. H. Brown is working at Shelburne, N. H., this week.

Mr. Walter Luman is in Montreal, where he has employment.

Mrs. F. P. Flint and two daughters were in Lewiston, Monday.

Mrs. Ira C. Jordan, who has been ill, is much improved at this time.

Mrs. Helen Fisher and Mrs. Canningham were in Berlin, N. H., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winslow are keeping house in Frank Taylor's rent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds are rejoicing over the birth of a son March 27.

Mrs. Fred Aubin has been confined to the house by illness the past two weeks.

Mr. Richard Verville is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Verville.

Misses Ruby Gaudet and Gwendolin Godwin spent the week end in Portland.

Mrs. Beatie Sloane was the guest of her son, Roger Sloane, in Auburn, recently.

Mr. William Bean has moved his family into the Colburn house on Mechanic Street.

Mrs. Fickett of Farmington is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Mills, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis are spending the week with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring.

Mrs. P. L. Edwards and Miss Harriet Merrill were in Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Thaddeus Laxton of West Bethel visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Hunt, Thursday.

Mr. Harry Brown has resumed work in his barber shop after an absence of several months.

Messrs. C. M. Bennett and F. A. Gibson of West Bethel were at George Haggood's, recently.

Miss Ruth Crosby of Arlington, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earle Williamson, and family.

Mr. Ervin Hutchinson and family have returned to their home in West Bethel after spending the winter in this town.

Miss Ruth Emery, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emery, has returned to Naamans Institute.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Mrs. Merton Warren will speak at the next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, Monday, April 12.

## LITTLE LORD FAUNTILER

Little Lord Fauntleroy, a three act drama, will be given in Odeon Hall, Bethel, Thursday evening, April 16th.

Eleven well chosen characters complete the cast, ranging from a bootblack in the streets of New York City to an Earl of one of the great estates in England.

The story, which is well known, is acknowledged to be one of the best of its kind ever written, and the interpretation of the different parts by the different members of the cast, after many weeks of study and practice, is sure to be very entertaining.

The play is given under the auspices of the Universalist Church. The proceeds are to be used by the young people in their church work and for repairs to the building.

Tickets are on sale at Bosterman's drug store.

## HENRIETTA E. HYDE

After a lingering illness, Henrietta E. Hyde, the wife of George L. Hyde, formerly of Bethel, Mass., passed away at the home of her brother in Bethel, Maine, on Friday, April 8th. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bethel, Mass.

She is survived by her husband, George L. Hyde, a brother, Wilfred L. Robbins, and a sister, Emily E. Robbins.

## GRANGE NEWS

### BETHEL GRANGE

A Maine program was carried out at the meeting of Bethel Grange, Thursday evening. Essays on the "Industries of Maine," "The Sardine Factory," "The Boot and Shoe Business," and "Starch Manufacturing" were read. Herman Mason read the "Principal Facts of Maine." The song, "Back to Maine," was sung. Superintendent Russell spoke on the schools. On the table of exhibits was an aeroplane about three feet long, made in perfect shape, also a ship with all the equipment and made with a jackknife. They were made for and owned by the boy who recently broke his leg, Walter Jodrey. A quilt made 100 years ago and kept now—it has never been used; also some home spun and home woven pure linen towels, pictures of earlier settlers of Bethel, and pictures of the pulp manufacturing, down to the present.

The program for April 16 will be: Song, Arthur Dudley.

Roll Call answered by each one telling what we as a Grange can do for the community.

Reading, Lilla Morgan.

Question, Should Maine have capital punishment? opened by Mr. Russell.

An acting charade based on some old song by Rose Harvey, Lottie Inman, Lottie Bartlett, and as many of the men as they want.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CHRISTIAN BOYHOOD CHURCH

Chapman Street Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Sunday services at 10:45 A. M.

### METHODIST CHURCH

"The Singing Church" Rev. C. B. Oliver, Minister 10:45 A. M. Divine worship and sermon.

12:00 M. Church School. 6:30 P. M. Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. People's evening worship.

7:30 P. M., Tuesday: (Family worship), Prayer meeting. Union Community Easter Service next Sunday A. M. at 6:30. Everybody up at the Universalist church.

Community worship Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Thursday at the Congregational church, 7:15 P. M. Observance of the Lord's Supper.

Choir rehearsal Friday evening at the church, unless otherwise notified. Easter Sunday 10:45. Worship. Special music. Sermon, "The Opened Curtain." Special Easter concert in the evening at 7:30. Boys and girls of all ages will take part. All are welcome.

Notice: the special Parent-Teacher program for Monday evening. Prayer group Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Since we observe communion as a community on Thursday evening, the usual Lord's Supper, due last Sunday, was omitted.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 12: 10:45: Easter service of worship, with Master music and sermon. 12:00: Church School. 7:15: Easter evening service by the Church School. The first part of the program will consist of recitations, songs and exercises by the smaller children. Later, the pageant, "From the Gates of His Garden," will be given by older scholars. An offering will be received.

All should remember the early Easter morning service at the Universalist church.

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles Eastmanhouse, Minister. Next Sunday special Easter services. Sunrise service at the church at 6:30 conducted by the young people. Special music. The Rev. H. T. Achenbach, Rev. C. B. Oliver and Rev. C. Eastmanhouse will give short talks.

At 11 o'clock the Easter service will be held. A special large choir of male and female voices will provide extra music. Sermon will be given by Mrs. M. Hastings and Mr. M. Chapin. The minister will preach on the subject, "The Hope of the World's Resurrection."

In the evening at 7:15 a concert will be given by the members of the Sunday School.

Friday evening at 7:15 a special illustrated lecture will be given at the church.

On Thursday, April 16th, the young people of the church will present the play, "The Little Lord Fauntleroy," at Odeon Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the drug store and at Mr. Carver's store.

Government is spending \$400,000 reconstructing and improving road and trails in Lafayette National Park, Maine.

## BETHEL TO BUILD A SCHOOL HOUSE

A small crowd was present at the special town meeting Saturday afternoon in Odeon Hall. The meeting was called to order at two o'clock by Town Clerk Albee J. Brooks who read the warrant.

Hon. H. H. Hastings was chosen Moderator of the meeting.

The report of the special committee was read by the Secretary, Miss Maud Thurston. The committee recommended that the town purchase a lot of land of C. K. Fox at the end of Philbrook Avenue, said lot containing about one acre. They also recommended that a four-room one-story building be erected on the lot.

It was voted to raise \$1,500 to purchase the lot recommended by the special committee.

It was voted to raise \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting the building, the money to be hired, and the town is to raise \$3,000 per year until the loan is taken up.

It was voted to have a building committee and the following citizens were chosen: Hon. H. H. Hastings, F. E. Russell, Frank A. Brown and John Burbank. Mr. Brown withdrew and W. H. Thurston was elected to take his place.

Work will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The building will be about 48 feet by 75 feet in size.

It was voted to raise the sum of \$300, Bethel's part in building a new ferry boat for Hanover ferry.

## BETHEL ECHOES

One likes to feel that our bill-hamlet is known far and wide. At a reception in far-away California six people were met one day who had been charmingly entertained at Bethel Inn, while three chauffeurs gave weighty assurances that they would always like to be as well cared for.

An amusing incident may interest our young people. Many years ago a Bethel boy wrote a book. He was in his teens! Places and people were delicately interwoven in a story called "Their Club and Ours." A prominent publisher printed it; and more books followed—which were historical stories.

But this first book was a real picture of real young lives.

Recently, the following letter was received by Mr. John Preston True of Waban, Mass. He had written a short, witty criticism upon an article in Colliers, calling attention to an historical error, and signing his full name.

"Green Ridge, Missouri. March 23rd, 1925. John Preston True, Waban, Mass. Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a clipping from Colliers, which will explain itself. I just wondered if you were the John Preston True who wrote that delightful book, "Their Club and Ours." I was given a copy, as a present, and it has been read by hundreds of children.

It is now passing through my own family, and I have ten children. If you see fit to answer this letter, I consider it the best, most interesting story ever published for young people.

Yours very truly, Frederick Neams."

Louisa Alcott gave it warm praise, and there is still one copy of the book left in the Bethel Public Library—the mate having been read into letters.

## NEWBY

Mrs. L. F. Bartlett who has staying at W. N. Powers a few weeks has returned to her home in Bethel.

Elmer Bailey has finished logging and moved back to his home here.

Bertha Bailey has returned home after spending the winter with her sisters at Bethel and Kennebunk. Her mother, Mrs. A. E. Bailey, also returned to her home.

Mrs. Charles Robertson and son, Wade, called at W. N. Powers' last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Thurman McPherson was in Gilsum one day last week.

## NORTH PARIS

Ray Cotton has traded his place here with Mrs. Max Kimball of South Paris for home in that place.

Walter Littlehale is working for A. D. Littlehale.

Mrs. A. D. Littlehale received the sad news of the death of her aunt, Mary A. Dow, of Rochester, N. H.

Richard Curtis has been helping Alfred Andrews the past week.

William Littlehale spent a few days last week as the guest of Gladys Allen of Turner Centre.

Schools began again last Monday morning after having a week's vacation.

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## BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the  
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,  
U. S. Department of Agriculture

For Week Ending April 3, 1925

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:** Trade has been rather limited during the past week with moderate to limited supply in most commodities. Bartered prices generally unchanged. Maine potatoes were firmer at 1.50-1.60 per 100 lbs. on Spaulding Rose. Sacked onions, Maine and New York and Ohio, 100 lbs. 2.00. The second crop of Texas onions arrived today selling at 2.50-3.00 mostly around 2.75-3.00. The second crop of Texas onions arrived today selling at 2.50-3.00 mostly around 2.75-3.00. The second crop of Texas onions arrived today selling at 2.50-3.00 mostly around 2.75-3.00.

**DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS:** Butter—Market has ruled weak and unsettled during the week and prices are sharply lower. Buyers have been interested only in their current requirements and although the supply of fresh butter was not heavy there was some accumulation and the attitude of buyers caused dealers to be free sellers. At the close prices were: 24 score 45-50-21 score 44-45-22 score 43-44-23 score 42-43-24 score 41-42. Eggs—Market ruled weak and unsettled throughout the entire week. Unless goods were offered at concessionary prices buyers were not interested. At the close prices were: Western, extra large, 28-30; extra, 26-28; extra small, 24-26; small, 22-24; roasters, 20-22. Live Poultry—Steady and unchanged. Poultry 31-32c, 33-34c.

Ernest Morriette, 29, was sentenced to 30 days in the house of correction in the district court, Lawrence, Mass., on a charge of an attempt to kiss Miss Rena Cash. He appealed and was held in \$500 bail.

President Coolidge will begin his summer vacation at Swampscott, Mass., on June 13th, according to word which reached that town from Washington. The summer capital will be maintained at White Court, recently leased by Frank W. Stearns, until the middle of August, when the President and his family will go to Plymouth, Vt., to spend two weeks with Col. John Coolidge, the President's father.

The Massachusetts Senate passed the "drunken driver" bill to congressment without a record vote. Before taking final action the Senate attached two amendments to the bill. One is an emergency preamble which, if adopted, would make the law become operative when signed by the Governor. The other provides that a second conviction shall not stand as a "second offense" if six years have elapsed since the first conviction.

The annual report of the directors of the Maine Central Railroad says the subject of use of the rail motor car in substitution for steam passenger train service, particularly on branch lines of light traffic, has been constantly under review during the year. "A motor substitute for steam train service, which will give accommodation in car space and power necessary to handle the fluctuating number of passengers and quantity of mail, baggage and express," the directors report, "means a large capital investment not warranted by the apparent economies in operating any of the rail motor cars available."

That the farmer of today must co-operate wholeheartedly with bankers and transportation companies was the point stressed by several speakers at the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Agricultural Associations in Orono, in connection with the nineteenth annual Farmers' Week. "Bankers can be of material assistance to farmers," said Dean Leas O. Merrill of the college of agriculture. "Members of the bankers profession have a type of business intelligence which farmers need. Farmers need the advice of bankers to get their thinking just as much as they need their financial assistance. In any co-operative marketing movement we must make a place for Maine bankers."

According to figures given out by Gen. Alfred F. Fols, Massachusetts State Commissioner of Public Safety, the total fire loss in Massachusetts for the first two months of this year was \$118,371.35. The number of fires was 279. Overheated cooking or heating apparatus caused the greatest fire loss, with thirty-five fires and a loss of \$131,381.90. Of the total number of fires, 227 or 81 per cent were in dwellings, and the loss in buildings and contents reached \$118,371.35.

## PARAGRAPHS FOR THE NEW ENGLANDER

News of General Interest  
From the Six States

William H. Geer, head of the Harvard department of physical education, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Mr. Geer was well known and popular in athletic circles. He was overcome by carbon monoxide gas at his garage in Belmont. His condition was so serious that he was removed to the hospital.

President Coolidge, in a letter made public at the annual dinner of Tufts senior class at the Westminister Hotel, Boston, in seventeen words summed up the duty of a college undergraduate ought to be by stating "the aim and duty of a college man should be to work hard and to be himself."

Complaints of repeated trouble with telephone circuits to and from Boston recently caused Manager Fred Deane of the Attleboro, Mass., office to send out repair gangs to seek the trouble. Search revealed forty wires with coverings chewed off. The repairmen reported that squirrels were to blame.

The campaign for several months to have the Rhode Island General Assembly adopt a bill establishing a state constabulary, similar to that of Massachusetts and other states, was brought to a successful close when the House, in concurrence with the Senate, passed the Sherman state police bill by a vote of 65 to 26.

Canned heat, used generally for heating and cooking purposes, was declared to be an intoxicating liquor by Judge Peabody in municipal court, Portland, Me. He found Luigi DeJulio, a druggist, guilty of unlawful possession of 197 10-cent cans of the heat, and sentenced him to pay a fine of \$200 and to serve six months in the county jail.

Explaining that she sold a little liquor so as to have some money for Easter flattery, Mrs. Eugene Grinch with asked for leniency in municipal court Portland, Me., after she was found guilty of possession of a bottle of alcohol. She was given probation on a six months' jail sentence and a \$200 fine. The woman has six children.

Patent rights to the \$1,000,000 invention of a Revere, Mass., man have been purchased by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. The inventor is John A. Spencer of 16 Albert avenue. He is 33 years old. His invention, known as the Spencer thermostat, will be used to regulate the temperature of electrical devices automatically. Westinghouse engineers say that Spencer's invention will revolutionize electrical heating apparatus.

A plea for a united Presbyterian church, involving consolidation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the United Presbyterian, the Reformed Presbyterian, Scotch Presbyterian and other branches of Presbyterianism, was voiced by several speakers at the New England Greater Presbyterian day conference in Boston. This and a denunciation of so-called "modernism" by Dr. Clarence E. Macartney of Philadelphia, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, during the evening session, were the features of the conference in which all branches of the Presbyterian church in New England joined.

Laying special stress on the situation on the St. John river and Passamaquoddy Bay, Governor Brewster read a special message to the Maine Legislature on the water power proposition. The message was an elaboration of the opportunities which offered for a grab of the entire storage basin of the St. John river, located in Maine, under the provisions of the mill act. The message also discussed the possibility of danger threatening the Maine hydro-electric policy in the bill to incorporate Dexter P. Cooper with authority to develop tidal power at Passamaquoddy Bay.

Haverhill's industrial difficulties have not arisen from high wages during prosperous times, but from inflexible wages and conditions during transition periods like the present, when price competition in the sale of shoes is abnormal. This was the declaration of Edwin Newdick, chairman of the Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, in a ruling denying the request of Local 10 for a general reconsideration of price rates for stitching, calling for increase of from 20 to 30 per cent, and a counter-request from the Haverhill Manufacturers' Association, calling for a reduction in the operations in which the union requests increases.

Arguing for the passage of an automobile excise tax bill, before the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee, Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long declared that at least 50 per cent of the automobile owners in Massachusetts now evade the property tax which is levied by the cities and towns on April 1st of each year. The commissioner said that his estimate was extremely conservative, as it was based on reports from the cities of Wrentham, Springfield and Beverly, which he characterized as efficient in assessment of such property.

## PAVEMENTS THAT STAND UP

North Carolina boasts the longest asphaltic-type hard-surfaced highway east of the Rocky Mountains. It extends from Wilson, via Wilmington, to Jacksonville, a distance of 165 miles. It is second only to the Columbia River highway for an unbroken stretch of this type of waterproof pavement.

The longest continuous paved road in the world is said to be the Pacific highway from British Columbia to Mexico. The only break in the hard-surfacing is for a short distance in Northern California.

Hundreds of miles of this road are of the asphaltic-concrete type similar to the Columbia River highway which has given some ten years of service with no maintenance cost for the pavement. Pacific coast states have probably spent more money on paving roads, per capita of population, than any other section of the country.

They have learned by dear experience that two things are essential to a permanent road: first, a properly constructed base which is kept free from the seepage effect of water; secondly, a pavement that is able to absorb the impact and vibration of heavy automobile traffic without shattering and crystallizing.

## THE JOYOUS SYMPHONY

A walk at dawn with the sun just up  
Is the rarest treat for me;  
A walk thru green and vaulted woods,  
To hear a feathered symphony.

A lark, a thrush, and a bobolink,  
A wren, and a robin red,  
Caroling in trills of ecstasy,  
For the star-decked night has fled.

Before them a summer day stands forth  
With sun-bathed arms out-flung,  
The sun-beams filter down to earth;  
On silver threads they are strung.

Birds stand as a symbol of nature's delight,  
The emblem of life, young and free,  
Come, walk thru the wood with the sun  
Just up,  
And hear the joyous symphony.

Madge M. Carey.

Bethel, R. F. D. 2

## Bible Thoughts for the Week

Sunday.

DEPENDENCE—Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. —1 Chron. 29:11

Monday.

ETERNAL PROTECTION—The Lord shall preserve the going out and the coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. —Ps. 121:3

Tuesday.

GOD'S PEOPLE—My people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. —Isa. 32:18

Wednesday.

PRAYER FOR TODAY—O Lord God, I pray thee send me word speed this day.—Gen. 21:12

Thursday.

A NATION'S GREATNESS—Night cometh, exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:31

Friday.

WITHHOLD NOT GOODS—Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.—Prov. 3:3

Saturday.

OBEDIENCE—If ye love me keep my commandments.—John 14:15

## TH' OLE GROUCH

IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S THE GUY WHO STANDS ROUND ON THE STREET GOSSIPING ALL DAY ABOUT GRUMBLES 'N' COMPLAINTS ABOUT EVERYTHING. I SURE AM NOT GOIN' TO USE FOR A WOOKER!



The Oxford County Citizen, \$2.00 per year in advance.

## RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBB  
Springfield, Mass.  
337 Meters—930 Kilocycles

Thursday

11.55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Springfield market report.

6 P. M. Dinner concert by the Westinghouse Philharmonic trio, from Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7 P. M. Market report, as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.

7.05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies from Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7.15 P. M. Letter from the New England Homestead. "At the Theatre," with A. L. B. Wood, dramatic editor of Springfield.

7.30 P. M. Fifth lecture in university extension course in business psychology. Subject, "Psychology of Advertising," by Prof. Glenn Newton Merry, formerly of the University of Iowa, under auspices of the Massachusetts department of education, Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

8.00 P. M. Concert by Donald Pirnie, baritone; Dorothy Blechard Muloney, pianist and accompanist, Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

8.30 P. M. Program broadcast direct from the Chickering studio of Chickering & Sons Piano Company, through the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9.30 P. M. Concert by the Westinghouse Philharmonic trio.

9.55 P. M. Arlington time signals; official United States weather reports.

11 P. M. Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

11.30 P. M. Don Ramsay's Radio Four, Hotel Brunswick studio, Boston.

11.45 P. M. Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

Friday

11.55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Springfield market report.

7 P. M. Market reports as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.

7.05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies, from Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

Saturday

11.55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather report.

6 P. M. Leo Reisman Hotel Lenox ensemble, Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

7 P. M. Market report as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.

7.05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7.15 P. M. Sketches from United States naval history by E. S. R. Brandt, lieutenant-commander United States navy, Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield, and some interesting facts concerning radium by the Automobile Insurance Company.

7.30 P. M. Concert by the Hotel Kimball trio, direct from the Hotel Kimball dining room, under direction of Jan Geerts.

8.00 P. M. Joseph F. Austin, tenor, accompanied by Elaine Lorraine, Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

8.15 P. M. Katherine Gravelin, pianist, Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

8.30 P. M. Hawaiian trio, under the direction of Mr. C. F. Kayge, Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

8.45 P. M. Albert D. Edwards, baritone, Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

9.00 P. M. Hawaiian trio, Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9.15 P. M. Albert D. Edwards, baritone.

9.30 P. M. Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

9.45 P. M. Arlington time signals and official United States weather report.

## WEST PARIS

The Universalist parish held its annual business meeting Tuesday evening. Supper was served to a good sized company previous to the meeting. Rev. Stanley Manning of Augusta, superintendent of Universalist churches, was a guest. Reports from various organizations showed that much good work had been done. Officers elected were as follows:

Moderators—H. H. Wardwell, Clerk—Harold Perkins.

Treas.—L. C. Bates.

Trustees—A. C. Perkins, H. E. Chase, Mrs. A. Abbott.

There are hundred dollars has been added to the treasury work from the Sunday School. Five joined the parish. Rev. Stanley Manning gave an interesting talk on the local church and its relations to the state and general conventions. Mr. Manning outlined the five year program by which the Universalists are to raise \$1,000,000 for church extension work, and \$1,000,000 for philanthropic work regardless of creed, race or color. The parish voted to accept the quota assigned them of \$200 yearly. A gift of \$25 was voted to George Brown for past services as janitor, which had been gratuitous. Rev. H. B. Forbes was asked to remain at an increase of \$200 yearly on her salary.

The Good Will Society held an all-day meeting Wednesday at the home of Rev. H. B. Forbes. Seventeen were present.

## No loss of time

or pay if you keep your digestion in order, your stomach, liver and bowels, all working naturally and regularly. The good old "L. F." ATWOOD'S Medicine helps digestion, starts up the liver, and keeps the bowel movement regular, freeing the system of impurities. Take "L. F." in small daily doses and you'll avoid bilious attacks, sick headaches, drowsiness and constipation. You'll be able to work every day, all day, and you'll enjoy working. Go does for 50 cents. After you've tried many other kinds of medicine, you'll find "L. F." the biggest and the best for your money.

Only 1 cent a dose  
L. F. Medicine Co., Portland, Me.

## FARM MACHINERY

International, John Deere and Oliver

DeLaval and Primrose Separators

Myers Pumps

When you buy these machines you are assured of repairs during their entire life.

C. L. DAVIS

BETHEL

MAINE

## ONLY THREE DAYS

TO  
SELECT  
YOUR

## Easter Bonnet

L. M. STEARNS

## IRA C. JORDAN

General Merchandise

BETHEL, MAINE

## Fishing Tackle

Rods Reels  
Landing Nets

## BASEBALL SUPPLIES

Balls Bats Gloves Mitts

G. L. Thurston

BETHEL, MAINE



# The American Legion

(Copy for this Department supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

## ENLISTED MAN IS MADE COMMANDER

Frank L. Peckham, department commander of the department of the District of Columbia, is the first enlisted man to hold that position. He served as a private and corporal in the tank corps and motor transport corps in this country and in France.

Born in Philadelphia in 1888, Mr. Peckham was taken to Washington by his parents while an infant. He received the degree of bachelor of laws in 1908 and of master of laws in 1909 from the National University Law school.

At the age of eleven, he became a page in the United States senate. From 1903 to 1919 he was closely associated with Louis A. Coolidge, well known Washington newspaper correspondent. He was private secretary to Mr. Coolidge during his term as assistant secretary of the treasury under Pres-



Frank L. Peckham.

dent Roosevelt. He then became an assistant in the customs division of the treasury. He resigned in 1910 to begin the practice of law.

Mr. Peckham has been very active in the affairs of the American Legion. He joined Tank Corps post No. 10 in 1919. He was senior vice commander and later commander of the post. He acted as spokesman for a special committee from the department of the District of Columbia to protest to President Harding against the release of the so-called "political" prisoners. He led the fight against a proposed appropriation for the relief of German women and children, which was defeated in congress.

In April, 1924, Mr. Peckham was married to Miss Marybelle O. Koudrup, of Washington. Mrs. Peckham has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is now president of Tank Corps post's unit of the Auxiliary. Mr. Peckham, who was a delegate to the San Francisco and St. Paul conventions of the Legion, is a charter member of Volume Local 174 of the Post and Night.

## Legion's First Gun in Illegal Voting Battle

Hundreds of persons, aliens and those otherwise disfranchised, voted at the last general election in Colorado, according to Denver American Legion officials. Many in so casting their ballots knew they were voting fraudulently, the Legion charges. The Legion first drew attention to a resolution in large letters in Colorado when John C. Vinton, commander of the department of Colorado, conveyed to District Attorney Joseph W. Hawley of Trinidad a request that Hawley prosecute eight alleged aliens who are charged with fraudulently securing the status of citizens in the last election. The Legion will probably continue similar action in other sections of the state.

## Too Busy

"I picked up my gun in that number nine post" asked the reporter. "Which?" demanded the chief of police, as he pointed to the official band. "The boys have been so busy lately on Florida the police," he said, "that they haven't time to register their property. They are so busy on the Florida books on 'motor' that they haven't time to get their gun started on that now."—American Legion Weekly.

## After Twenty-Six Years

Twenty-six years in a long time to wait to be proclaimed a hero by your country. That has been the experience of the Harry H. Woodard, retired, adjutant of the American Legion post at Lewistown, Me., who was recently given a citation by the War Department for displaying gallantry in action at Las Quiemas and San Juan during the Spanish-American war in Cuba.

# DAIRY

## VALUE OF OFFSPRING IS BIG COST FACTOR

The value of the offspring is a factor which, while indirectly, yet fundamentally, influences the cost of milk production. Calves from grade cows have a low value at birth, and calves from pure bred cows may have only a slightly higher value, unless they are the offspring of cows with official or cow-testing association records. Therefore, since records of the sales ring show a direct relation between price paid for calves and the value of pure bred calves at birth and consequently the effect of this value in lowering the cost of producing milk, depends to quite an extent on the production records and breeding of the ancestors.

Hence we find there are five fundamental factors influencing the cost of producing milk.

1. Size of the business.
2. The individual cows.
3. Time of freshening.
4. Care and feeding practices.
5. Value of the offspring.

For making the proper application of these factors in reducing milk cost, the value of a definite system of book-keeping such as is offered through the medium of the cow-testing associations and circles becomes apparent. He who would increase his profits can only do so by receiving more for his product, or producing it for less. The first method is not usually in the control of the individual farmers except when strongly organized in a co-operative body. The second method, or the reduction of production costs, is within the power of every man who milks cows.

The state dairy commission is an office created by the people of Colorado for the purpose of fostering and advancing the interests of dairying within the state and for the enforcement of all laws pertaining thereto. It is the duty of the said man to particularly aid producers needing assistance on production problems. In this phase of reducing costs the state dairy commissioner is always at the service of the producer of man's most valuable single food—clean milk.—H. H. Lovelace, Field Man, Colorado State Dairy Commissioner.

## Caution Milk Handlers to Use Care in Winter

In cold weather the bacterial count of milk may be low, while sanitary conditions may not be what they should be, says the bureau of dairying, United States Department of Agriculture. The mere presence of winter, say the experts, should not lead milk-plant operators to relax care in keeping everything strictly sanitary. Although the colder atmosphere makes it easier to keep bacteria under control, a low count does not mean so much as it does in summer.

Men who handle milk are cautioned to take particular care, even when laboratory tests show satisfactory results, to see that milk does not leak through valves before it has been held long enough in the pasteurizer, as such leakage may thwart the purpose of pasteurization. Emphasis is laid on the work of bottle and can washing machines to see that sprays are not clogged, that worn and broken brushes are replaced, and that sufficient heat is being applied. The temperature of pasteurization is called the most important of all factors, and for this reason thermometers must always be kept in order.

## Normal Milk Source Is Principally From Feed

Milk production in cows takes place normally and principally from the feed, and not by the transformation of body tissues, according to experiments conducted by Pennsylvania State college in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, college dairy department men said.

The results of the studies, which aimed to determine the relation between the amount of feed that goes into milk production and the amount that goes into tissue, have just been published by the federal department in the form of a bulletin entitled "Relative Utilization of Energy in Milk Production and Body Increase of Dairy Cows." It may be had free, as long as the supply lasts, by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Washington.

## Pure Bred Is Backbone

The pure bred sire is the backbone of one's herd, and every farmer should use one. The improvement in your stock and the increase in your income are two big arguments in his favor. It isn't always advisable to bother about paper and pedigree, but they add interest and selling value to your herd.

## Using Home-Grown Feed

Calves fed on a simple grain-milk ration lost over 14 pounds per head during winter hay and a mixture of corn, oats, wheat bran and timothy hay. In addition, made excellent gains, averaging 172 pounds per head daily. Other calves given access to the same hay and grain, but fed more than ten pounds of skim milk each daily gained 136 pounds per head. Daily, which compares very well with the gains made by those which had all the milk they wanted.

## IS YOUR WORK HARD?

Many Bethel Folks Have Found How to Make Work Easier.

What is so hard as a day's work with an aching back? Or sharp stabs of pain at every sudden twist or turn? There is no peace from that dull ache. No rest from the soreness, lameness and weakness.

Many folks have found relief through Doan's Pills. They are a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Bethel people recommend Doan's. F. R. Merrill, Church St., Bethel, says: "I had backache so bad I couldn't do a tap of work. The pains across my back and kidneys completely put me past going and my kidneys didn't act regularly at times. The secretions passed too often, then again, were scanty and painful and I couldn't rest night. After I began taking Doan's Pills from Rosserman's Drug Store relief followed."

Mr. Merrill is only one of many Bethel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for DOAN'S PILLS, the same that Mr. Merrill had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 60 cents at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back Is Lame—Remember the Name."

## USED FORDS TO BE SOLD WITH GUARANTEE

One of the most important steps yet undertaken to protect used car purchasers and at the same time place the handling of such cars on a more business-like basis is the announcement by Mr. Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company that, operating under a company plan, Ford dealers will hereafter place a guarantee upon used Ford

cars disposed of by them.

The Ford Motor Company is the first large automobile concern to take direct steps in the matter of used cars. Inasmuch as there are about as many Fords in operation in the country as all other makes combined, it is apparent that the action of the Ford Motor Company will exert a wide influence on the marketing of used cars and in improving conditions generally in that phase of the automobile business.

"Every used Ford car represents no much unused transportation and is of value to someone," Mr. Ford said in his statement regarding the plan. "The Ford dealer through his position and intimate knowledge of the car certainly is the best judge as to the value of this transportation—the best to determine a price on the mileage the car may be yet expected to deliver—that's his business."

"With this advantage the Ford dealer is prepared to give his used car customers, benefits not likely to be obtained elsewhere."

"If re-conditioning is necessary he has the work done by trained Ford mechanics using improved equipment and genuine Ford parts, and with these economies and advantages he is able to offer the used car to the purchaser at low cost and with a guarantee covering its mechanical fitness."

The plan becomes effective at once and places a guarantee on used Ford cars purchased from authorized Ford dealers thereby insuring proper mechanical operation under ordinary driving conditions.

In assuming the direction and supervision of this plan to be carried out by its dealer organization, the Ford Motor Company feels that it is embracing an opportunity to be of greater service to those who purchase used Ford cars.

## Distinct Advantage

There's an advantage in being obscure. Nobody snoots about to see what you are doing.—Detroit Free Press.

## Plan Huge Reservoir

Engineers estimate that five billion five hundred million cubic feet of water will be stored in the reservoir to be built by the Canadian government through the running streams commission on the Riviere du Loup, north of Louisville, in the St. Maurice district of Quebec.

## Classes in the State

In every state the people are divided into three kinds, the rich, the very poor and those who are between them. Since, then, it is universally acknowledged the mean is the best, it is evident that even in respect to fortune a middle state is to be preferred; for that state is most likely to submit to reason.—Aristotle.

# Automobile Repairing

Have Your Car Overhauled Now—before the good wheeling comes.

We are prepared to handle any job, large or small, on any make car. If you cannot bring your car in, call us up and we will send a man for it.

Ford parts carried in stock. Parts for other makes secured on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices are consistent with good work.

## Herrick Bros. Co.

Authorized Ford Dealers

Bethel,

Maine

# BROWN, BUCK & CO.

## Fashions Smart Women

Will Wear for EASTER and Through the SPRING

With Easter less than a week away it's time you were choosing your new clothes.

When you see the unusual touches Fashion has given her newest garments, you will want something NEW for Easter Sunday.

## THE NEW COATS

offer the straight line—flare or wrap around effect, with trim tailored or new erect collars. Some bordered with fur, others plain or with tucking or embroidery. Sizes 16 up to 48, priced \$12.50 up to \$47.50.

## CHILDREN'S COATS

Styles and materials very similar to Mother's—making coats that girls really enjoy wearing. Size 8 to 17 years. Price \$9.95 to \$19.50.

## Spring Hats for Misses and Girls

The new straw hats are here now in a variety of smart shapes for the little folks—shapes and styles that show all of the correct style effects for spring. Tans, Rosewood, Henna, Navy, Brown. When trimmed at all, they show the bright popular colors. Priced \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.95.

## Every Woman Wants at Least One Printed Dress

in her wardrobe. There are ever so many models to choose from—no two alike, styles for every kind of figure. Floral prints, dots, stenciled designs, as well as stripes. Bright shades for young women with navy prints for the more conservative. Prices \$12.50, \$16.50 and up to \$24.75.

## Silk Scarfs

Correctly worn with every costume for spring, plain colors, printed silk, ombre Spanish lace, stripes and checks, colors as diverse as the rainbow. Smart Scarfs at \$1.00, \$1.50 and up to \$3.95.

## Spring Hosiery

in the newest of colors and styles. Fancy stockings include check, stripes, plaids and plain mixtures in a wonderful variety of color combinations. Priced 95c and \$1.50.

Plain Silks in a heavy quality stocking, with heavy toe and heel for hard wear—eight shades at \$1.00.

## GOTHAM Gold Stripe

REG. U. S. PAT. OFFICE

## SILK STOCKINGS

Pure silk, full fashioned stockings, reinforced heel and toe, fourteen shades in stock at \$1.85.

## In Our Basement Store

New toys, crockery, kitchen ware, as well as a big variety of helps for your spring housecleaning, such as mops, brushes, pails, soap, brooms, clotheslines, etc.

New 10c Counter—The whole center of our Basement salesroom devoted to 10c articles—Aluminum, crockery, agate and tin dishes, as well as many small items at 10c.

NEW TOYS this week in wide variety for both boys and girls. New tops and games, price 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

## New Scrims and Cretonnes

are beautiful this spring. They will add cheerfulness to many rooms after your housecleaning is over. New Serims, white or cream, 19c, 79c. New cretonnes for draperies 39c to 85c.

New Terry Cloth for dresses, 95c.

## Spring Dress Goods

reduced to 95c. In this special group are broadcases, plain colors, stripes and prints. All thirty-six inches wide. Better see these early for they won't last long at this price, 95c.

NORWAY, MAINE

## THE MASSACHUSETTS

IVE ASSOCIATION

Worcester, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estate,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Bills Receivable,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Surplus,

plus,

THE COLUMBIAN NAT

INSURANCE CO

Boston, Massach

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estate,

Mortgage Loans,

Policy Loans,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

Policy Reserves,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Surplus,

plus,

EASTERN CASUALTY

COMPANY

Rm. 412 Park Sq., Bldg.

Assets Dec. 31,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

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All other Liabilities,

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THE RIDGELY PRO

ASSOCIATION

340 Main St., Worces

Assets Dec. 31,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

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Deduct Items not admitted

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Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

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Total Liabilities and Surplus,

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NEW JERSEY FIDELITY

GLASS INSURANCE

Newark, New Jer

Assets Dec. 31,

Mortgage Loans,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

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Liabilities Dec. 31,

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Worcester, Mass

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estate,

Mortgage Loans,

Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

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Liabilities Dec. 31,

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Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Surplus,

plus,



### THE MASSACHUSETTS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Worcester, Mass.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$204,633.99
Stocks and Bonds,	3,825,293.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	607,971.31
Agents' Balances,	63,603.32
Bills Receivable,	3,525.00
Interest and Rents,	58,134.19
All other Assets,	6,123.00

Gross Assets, \$4,390,287.72

Deduct items not admitted, 73,253.32

Admitted Assets, \$4,317,034.40

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,204,226.81
Unearned Premiums,	1,311,259.27
All other Liabilities,	618,399.87
Cash Capital,	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,092,141.37

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,750,034.40

### THE COLUMBIAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Massachusetts  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$1,092,745.51
Mortgage Loans,	\$6,230,750.94
Stocks and Bonds,	5,211,085.43
Policy Loans,	1,112,399.87
Cash in Office and Bank,	310,938.31
Agents' Balances,	104,335.96
Interest and Rents,	552,451.97
All other Assets,	1,298,020.48

Gross Assets, \$20,964,726.99

Deduct items not admitted, 292,966.24

Admitted Assets, \$20,671,760.75

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$436,118.33
Unearned Premiums and Policy Reserves,	25,300,889.30
All other Liabilities,	1,510,843.77
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	924,760.30

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$20,671,760.75

### EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Rm. 412 Park Sq. Bldg., Boston, Mass.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	\$143,093.50
Cash in Office and Bank,	33,299.03
Interest and Rents,	1,587.80
All other Assets,	2,234.29

Gross Assets, \$180,214.62

Deduct items not admitted, 3,142.23

Admitted Assets, \$177,072.39

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$19,320.94
Unearned Premiums,	16,549.04
All other Liabilities,	14,939.50
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	27,362.81

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$177,072.39

### THE RIDGELY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

340 Main St., Worcester, Mass.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	\$893,140.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	65,484.00
Interest and Rents,	16,709.10

Gross Assets, \$975,333.10

Admitted Assets, \$759,394.15

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$235,604.88
Unearned Premiums,	111,532.98
All other Liabilities,	29,915.77
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	283,610.52

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$759,394.15

### MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY

Baltimore, Maryland  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$3,009,484.62
Mortgage Loans,	\$3,141,040.00
Stocks and Bonds,	22,800,312.70
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,636,622.29
Agents' Balances,	68,983.73
Bills Receivable,	40,807.49
Interest and Rents,	173,190.03
All other Assets,	4,991,167.50

Gross Assets, \$34,102,993.81

Deduct items not admitted, 638,188.26

Admitted Assets, \$33,464,805.55

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$9,932,035.14
Unearned Premiums,	10,773,628.00
All other Liabilities,	2,044,832.29
Cash Capital,	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	5,495,432.12

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$33,464,805.55

### NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INSURANCE CO.

Newark, New Jersey  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Mortgage Loans,	\$1,124,930.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,354,678.79
Cash in Office and Bank,	365,638.14
Agents' Balances,	464,839.87
Interest and Rents,	55,638.33
All other Assets,	65,418.12

Gross Assets, \$4,170,963.24

Deduct items not admitted, 68,238.52

Admitted Assets, \$4,102,724.72

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$991,373.27
Unearned Premiums,	1,300,341.14
All other Liabilities,	492,310.70
Cash Capital,	800,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$718,700.61

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,102,724.72

### WORCESTER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Worcester, Mass.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$134,277.67
Mortgage Loans,	\$75,390.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$1,818,878.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$2,830.40
Agents' Balances,	\$2,707.61
Interest and Rents,	\$9,513.28

Gross Assets, \$1,968,266.97

Admitted Assets, \$1,968,266.97

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$4,563.27
Unearned Premiums,	\$10,900.33
All other Liabilities,	\$9,193.79
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,944,510.58

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,968,266.97

### SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INS. CO.

Edinburgh, Scotland  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$102,542.05
Mortgage Loans,	\$61,350.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$7,000,040.39
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$15,789.03
Agents' Balances,	\$50,844.36
Interest and Rents,	\$10,021.83
All other Assets,	\$9,533.03

Gross Assets, \$10,110,947.83

Deduct items not admitted, 45,670.72

Admitted Assets, \$10,065,277.11

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$423,429.00
Unearned Premiums,	\$2,846,994.75
All other Liabilities,	\$23,515.75
Cash Capital,	\$200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$3,341,437.61

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$10,065,277.11

### CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, Hammond Indiana

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$100,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$3,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$4,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$453,377.34
Agents' Balances,	\$67,750.10
Bills Receivable,	\$3,684.58
Interest and Rents,	\$15,719.15
All other Assets,	\$3,225,703.21

Gross Assets, \$13,201,383.43

Deduct items not admitted, 329,555.36

Admitted Assets, \$12,871,828.07

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$2,864,860.23
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,010,181.41
All other Liabilities,	\$1,000,000.00
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,000,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,871,828.07

### SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY Of New Haven

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$675,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$93,200.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$7,007,982.91
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$185,110.44
Agents' Balances,	\$10,000.00
Bills Receivable,	\$110,414.13
Interest and Rents,	\$2,370.23
All other Assets,	\$5,768.59

Gross Assets, \$9,321,322.04

Deduct items not admitted, 36,726.27

Admitted Assets, \$9,284,595.77

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$749,027.73
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,047,616.60
All other Liabilities,	\$171,306.87
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$2,125,764.51

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$9,284,595.77

### MASSACHUSETTS BONDING & INSURANCE COMPANY

14-20 Kilby Street, Boston, Mass.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$350,434.52
Mortgage Loans,	\$15,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$1,111,427.01
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$4,535.04
Agents' Balances,	\$2,897.00
Interest and Rents,	\$75,470.11
All other Assets,	\$1,517,372.52

Gross Assets, \$49,228,464.25

Deduct items not admitted, 149,560.03

Admitted Assets, \$49,078,904.22

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$2,301,130.40
Unearned Premiums,	\$2,913,265.78
All other Liabilities,	\$62,567.02
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,501,598.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$49,078,904.22

### UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTEE COMPANY

Baltimore, Maryland  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$2,671,314.20
Mortgage Loans,	\$60,100.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$2,174,544.92
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$2,706,051.81
Agents' Balances,	\$7,226,790.38
Interest and Rents,	\$16,829.00
All other Assets,	\$2,031,003.87

Gross Assets, \$11,578,529.26

Deduct items not admitted, 1,335,770.02

Admitted Assets, \$10,242,759.24

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$12,755,771.55
Unearned Premiums,	\$14,293,454.40
All other Liabilities,	\$2,934,878.90
Cash Capital,	\$5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$2,934,878.90

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$10,242,759.24

### THE FIDELITY & CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK

63-68 Liberty St., 67-104 Cedar St., New York City  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$1,094,822.22
Mortgage Loans,	\$50,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$2,612,833.98
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$75,914.00
Premiums in course of collection,	\$4,035,017.63
Interest and Rents,	\$86,074.12
All other Assets,	\$19,418.81

Gross Assets, \$32,810,922.23

Deduct items not admitted, 603,682.99

Admitted Assets, \$32,207,239.24

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,817,861.51
Unearned Premiums,	\$12,474,627.88
All other Liabilities,	\$10,617,332.75
Cash Capital,	\$1,521,944.88
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$2,960,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$32,207,239.24

### JOE LEARN MANY TONGUES

As many as twelve foreign languages are taught in some of the schools in Tokyo.

### UNION MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Massachusetts  
Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	\$694,670.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$70,985.33
Agents' Balances,	\$1,128.25
Bills Receivable,	\$1,387.93
Interest and Rents,	\$13,475.78
All other Assets,	\$14,473.39

Gross Assets, \$1,102,100.68

Deduct items not admitted, 25,146.11

Admitted Assets, \$1,076,954.57

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$44,761.36
Unearned Premiums,	\$15,733.27
All other Liabilities,	\$2,335.69
Cash Capital,	\$100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$455,212.25

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,136,954.57

### EAST AND WEST INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Mortgage Loans,	\$284,500.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$10,500.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$5,000.00
Agents' Balances,	\$5,000.00
Bills Receivable,	\$1,225.23
Interest and Rents,	\$16,871.01
All other Assets,	\$16,775.56

Gross Assets, \$1,469,968.73

Deduct items not admitted, 482.60

Admitted Assets, \$1,469,486.13

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$53,669.07
Unearned Premiums,	\$75,758.36
All other Liabilities,	\$20,410.00
Cash Capital,	\$600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,159,258.06

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,469,486.13

### ARE YOU FREE FROM BLAME?

In seven years, from 1915 to 1923 inclusive, defective chimneys and flues caused a loss of \$101,259,206 in the United States. As an originator of fires, one match and smoking have a greater record than chimneys and flues.

"Safeguarding America Against Fire" shows by photographs the type of chimney in the average dwelling place which has caused this terrible loss. There is apparently no excuse for their existence other than the carelessness of the people who live in the houses where they are located.

These chimneys are shown to have open cracks between the bricks where the flames and sparks can come in contact with wooden walls. It makes one shudder to think of the thousands of helpless children, sick persons and cripples who are in houses where this lurking fire menace is ever-present.

Reflect for a moment that the greatest known fire starters are matches, smoking and defective chimneys, and that control over them rests almost entirely with the individual. Losses caused by these agencies are almost wholly chargeable to the individual. Such a record of fire loss from these controllable causes is a terrible arraignment of the average American for his negligence or indifference toward life and property.

In France the fire starter is liable for damage caused by his carelessness. The fire-loss record in the United States has more than doubled in the last ten years. If it doubles in the next ten years, the annual destruction by fire will aggregate over a billion dollars in money and the death of 30,000 persons.

Unless we check our own carelessness the law may have to check it for us.

### SOUTH BETHEL

Ralph Day of Upton was a Sunday caller at Frank Brooks'.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chase were at Bethel











